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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF IDS REFERENCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Upon reviewing the prosecution file of the above referenced application, Applicants noticed that the Examiner signed and dated the attached Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicants on March 1, 2001. However, three references listed on that IDS were not initialed by the Examiner. Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner reconsider these references and initial the IDS. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that the issue fee for the present application is due on Aril 23, 2003. In view of the issue fee due date, an early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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